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Dear Nikolai Mikhailovich,

The Broadcasting Company "OSTANKINO" earnestly requests your help in the search for Americans who for various years were under investigation by the former KGB and were in prisons and camps in the territory of the former Soviet Union.

This information is necessary so that we can exchange it with Americans who possess information about our POWs in Afghanistan as well as for the producing of the television series "Black Box".

These lists apply

1. Pilots Eddie Berg and Samuel Busch, shot down over the Sea of Japan in June 1952 (they were seen in Magadan).

2. Jim Patrick, sergeant, taken in Berlin, seen at [1 word illeg] near Vorkuta.

3. Americans were seen in POW camp No. 99-13 in Karaganda in May- June 1946.

4. The camp in Karaganda is located at coordinates 49 deg 52 min N, 73 deg 10 min E in the Kazakhstan SSR, prisoner of war No. 26605[1 letter illeg].

5. Alisa Alice - female American, camp in the village of Abez', Komi Autonomous Republic.

6. Michael D[el?]esko, American, died 7 April 1983 in [1 word ill] home for the old and invalid 70 kilometers from Kursk. [illegible Stamp] [TFR 10-2]

7. Nikolai Mikhailovich Skorodinsky ([2 words illeg]) American, imprisoned in the Trans-urals, deported to Russia, married to a Russian. Lived in Kasimov in the Ryazan' Oblast. He is buried there as well. His file.

8. Henry Ford - Was sent by the U.S. government to Stalin with important documents about Beria. He was invited to the Kremlin but instead of Stalin, he fell into Beria's hands who had him arrested. He was imprisoned for six years in various prisons including Lubyanka and Lefortovo. Supposedly he was deported to America in 1955-1956.

9. In Chelyabinsk(a camp or prison) the German woman Maria Kapel'steiner (a relative of Hitler, possibly his sister) was imprisoned for a very long time. All the information on her is top secret. She has been dead for a long time and her dossier was sent to the KGB in Moscow. Who she is, her fate, where she is buried, under what circumstances she was arrested, how she got to be in these circumstances, who and where was she tried.

List of American MIAs in the territory of the Soviet Union given to us by the American side.

In June of 1955 the Soviet Union freed several Austrian prisoners. The Red Cross received the following list of Americans who they [the Austrians] saw in prisons. The source is a report by the U.S. Diplomatic

Service declassified by the State Department.

Date, when they were seen	Name	Prison
1. 1956	Jimmy Fabian	Kommondatura
2. 1956	William Bizet	Vorkuta, Bizet
3. Feb 5[3?]	Clifford Brown	Verkhnij Ural'sk
4. [illeg] 50 [TFR 10-3]	Jerry Ford	Tajshet

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5. Feb 53	George Michael	Verkhnij Ural'sk
6. Jun 55	[Jeanie?] Shekmani	Potma
7. - - -	Henry Milinauskas	Vorkuta
8. - - -	Sidney Ray Sparks	Potma
9. 1953	Robert Robinson	Tajshet
10. May 55	Rooney Ransburg	Molotov Solikamsk
11. May 55	Lt. Gevy	Aleksandrovsk
12. Jun 55	Spike Roy	Potma
13. May 55	1Lt. Gaby	Irkutsk
14. - - -	Zeno	Lubyanka
15. 1952	Heinz Miller von Seydlitz	Inta
16. Jul 60	Yam	Chelyabinsk
17. Jan 55	Garry	Camp near Moscow
18. Jul 55	John-Johnny	Camp of the MVD in Odessa

On 8 April 1950 a Navy PB4Y-2 was shot down near Libau, Latvia. The plane crashed into the Baltic Sea. On 25 April 1950, a Swedish fishing boat found wreckage from the plane 59 kilometers west of Libau, Latvia. In September 1950 a U.S. citizen named John Noble was put into a Soviet prison camp called Vorkuta where he talked with another prisoner, a Yugoslavian by nationality who said that he saw and talked with American flyers who had been shot down over the Baltic. He knew that eight of them had managed to survive. [Unclear who the "he" is above, Noble or the Yugoslav] Another American prisoner kept in Vorkuta, William T. Marchuk talked with a Russian who confirmed that he was among the sailors who searched for and saved the American flyers. The USSR always denied that these Americans, who possessed special skills /skills of electronic signals collection/ were taken into custody. Source - the U.S. Navy

List of MIAs

1. Lt. John N. Fette
2. Lt. Howard V. Sishaf
3. Lt. Robert D. Reynolds
4. Tommy L. Burgess
5. Joe H. Deynens, USN
6. Joseph J. Bourasa, USN

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7. AT3 Joseph N. Rinnier, USN
8. Jack W. Thomas, USN
9. AT1 Frank J. Beckman, USN [List of souls on board has Frank L.

Beckman]
10. CT3 Edward J. Purcell, USN

In the National Archives in Washington are 51 documents under the heading "American Citizens Detained in the USSR". Many of these documents give only the military rank without names of those people who were seen by liberated German, Japanese, Austrian and Iranian prisoners. The following list was derived from these documents.

	Date Seen	Name	Prison
1.	Jul 48	Lt Pfeiffer	140 km from Tajshet
2.	Aug 45	Army Helmat	Prison of the MVD
3.	Dec 54	James Vaiber	Siberia, TORGAD
4.	Mar 49	COL Latvek	Vorkuta
5.	Aug 51	Captain Robert Davis	Jail in Moscow
6.	1953	USAF Faud	Yaroslav'
7.	May 50	Capt Aleksander Dolgan	Jail in Moscow
8.	- - -	Army Robert Davis	- - -
9.	Jan 51	USAF Phillip Graves	From Germany to a Soviet Camp
10.	Jan 53	Major Gary Hopkins	Gorkij, Rasajfka, Zukm
[First name for no. 10 above could be Harry]			
11.	Jun 55	USAF Captain Hopkins	Verkhnij Ural'sk
12.	1950	Captain/Major Roberts	Name on the cell wall
13.	[1948?]	USAF 1Lt Skliftentsroz	Dresden
14.	- - -	Captain Wally	- - -
15.	Aug 50	COL Techerney	- - -
16.	[illegible]	Sgt Wilkens	Lubyanka, Moscow
17.	Jan 52	1Lt Otto	Chelyabinsk, Moscow
18.	Sep 46	USAF Lt Cox	Myunkhenskij Plan
19.	Jun 53	COL Jackson	Mordoriya
20.	Jun 55	Sgt College	- - -
21.	Oct 55	Bob Goldsman	
22.	- - -	Richard Se[1 ltr ill]ks	- - -
23.	Jun 52	Kretchmer	Vorkuta

[Note: Before some of the names is USAF. The actual translation would be Air Forces of the USA. The USAF did not exist at the time of some of the dates in the text.]

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24.	Aug 49	Army Major Resokhnojk	Vorkuta
25.	Jan 53	USAF Joe Milleo	Karabac
26.	Oct 55	COL Davison	Tolbukina St.
27.	May 55	Captain Peterson	Vladimirskaya Jail
28.	Sep 53	Captain Sing Ojsman	Verknij Ural'sk
29.	1951	Mela Herschfield	Wife of an embassy employee
30.	1955	Ranner Ziegerman	- - -
31.	Dec 54	James Vaiber	from Likhtenberg to Siberia
32.	May 50	Klaus Mur	
33.	May 50	Captain Andrew Maisano	
34.	May 50	USAF William Thompson	From Budenskaya to Tajshet

These Americans were taken into custody for many reasons: taken from Berlin, arrested, kidnapped, surrendered, parachuted into Estonia as American spies, taken from an airplane. In one instance, an

American in a neighboring cell gave his first name by tap code as well as the first name of another American POW to the prisoners who were later freed. Often the information was received second hand with regard to the flyers shot down over the Baltic Sea and those who were transported from Korea to the Soviet Union.

[Signature Block] First Deputy Chairman Broadcasting Company "OSTANKINO" [Name illeg] G.A.

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Concerning the Search for U.S. Citizens

Dear Vladimir Petrovich!

In addition to the information we gave you earlier about the fate of three U.S. citizens, I am sending to you information we found about Clifford Brown Charles.

According to the Broadcast company "OSTANKINO" (a copy of their letter was sent to you earlier), an American citizen by this name was in a camp or prison of the MVD of the USSR in the city of Verkhne-Ural'sk in the 50s.

It has been established by a check done by the Main Information Center of the Russian MVD that Clifford, alias Brown, Charles, born 1918 in Los Angeles was sentenced on 17 Feb 51 by a special session of the MGB of the USSR under article 58-4 to a 25 year prison term. He was serving his sentence in the Verkhne- Ural'sk prison where he died on 17 May 53 from weakening of cardio- vascular activity caused by active tuberculosis and hyperacidic gastritis. It was not possible to establish the burial site of Clifford, B.C.

This information will possibly be helpful to the Interdepartmental Commission on the Resolution of Information Concerning U.S. citizens missing in the Territory of USSR during and after the Second Wold War.

Chief [Signature] G.L. Lezhikov

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Dear Vladimir Petrovich

In accordance with the agreement with Osipovyj, S.N., we are sending to you information on material from the check on 27 people according to the submitted list. Enclosure: three pages of information

Chief [Signature] G.L. Lezhikov [TFR 10-8] Information

As a result of a check by SSK TsKI GITs MVD of people, considered in 1954 as citizens of the USSR, citizens of third countries or stateless persons but having American passports or residence permits it was found that the GITs MVD has information on:

-Ignatyuk, Aleksandr Andreevich, born 1910, native of New York City. Sentenced by the Brest Oblast court on 19 Sep 50 under article 72A of the criminal code of the Belorussian SSR to a ten year prison term. By decision of the Supreme Court of the BSSR on 8 Feb 56, his sentence was shortened to 6 years. He was freed from prison in the Khabarovsk Kraj on 25 Feb 56.

-Yasinskas, Pranas Pranas, born 1910, native of the of Brooklyn, USA. Sentenced by a military tribunal of the MGB troops of the Vil'nyus Oblast on 8 Mar 52 under article 58-6 part 1 of the criminal code of the RSFSR to a 25 year prison term. Freed from prison on 29 Jun 56 from prison in the Karaganda Oblast (Stepnoj Corrective Labor Camp) by decision of a commission created on the basis of the Decree of 24 Mar 56.

-Severinchik, Pavel Kirillovich, born 1917, native of Chicago. Sentenced 1 Jul 50 by a special session of the MGB of the USSR under article 63-1 of the criminal code of the BSSR to a 10 year prison term. In a session of the Central Commission for review of the case on 28 Nov 55 by a precedent of 01 Jun 50 under article 204B of the code of criminal procedure of the RSFSR the case was overturned. He was freed on 20 Dec 55 from prison in the Krasnoyarsk Kraj. Archive No. M-3370 in KGB, USSR.

-Nikitchik, Dannil Danilovich, born 1927. Sentenced by a special session of the MGB, USSR on 8 Aug 50 under article 63-1 of the criminal code of the BSSR to a 25 year prison term. Freed on 5 June 56 from prison in the Karaganda Oblast (KARLAG). Archive No. 56771 KGB, USSR.

-Nikitchik, Fedor Danilovich, born 1927, native of Chicago, USA. Sentenced by a special session of the MGB, USSR on 8 Jul [Typo?] 50 under article 63-1 of the criminal code of the BSSR to a 15 year prison term in the Omsk Oblast. Archive No. 56771 KGB, USSR.

-Marshall, Iozas, son of Kazis. Born 1897, native of Utica, USA. Sentenced by a special session of the MGB, USSR on 15 Nov 47 under article 17-58-1A of the criminal code of the RSFSR to a 25 year prison term. He was freed on 1 Aug 56 from prison in the Komi ASSR (Vorkutlag). Archive No. 43606/3 KGB Lituanian SSR.

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-Marshall, Pauline, daughter of Antanas, born 1903. Native of the village of Plokitsyaj in the Shakyajskij Uyezd of the Lithuanian SSR. Sentenced by a special session of the Soviet MGB on 15 Nov 47 under article 17-58-1A of the criminal code of the RSFSR to a 25 year prison term. By decision of the commission created on the basis of the decree of 24 Mar 56, the sentence was reduced to 12 years in the Perm Oblast. Archive No. 43606/3 KGB, Lithuanian SSR

-Marshall, Al'don, daughter of Iozas. Born 1923, native of Kaunas. Sentenced by a military tribunal of the NKVD troops of the Lithuanian SSR on 19 Jan 46 under article 58-1A of the criminal code of the RSFSR to a 10 year prison term. She was freed on 24 Feb 55 from prison in the Karaganda Oblast (KARLAG). Archive No. 0478262 of the Soviet KGB. She is also listed with Marshalajte for a last name. Information on her conviction can also be found there. Archive No. 34162/3 of the Soviet KGB.

-Sagatas, Adele Aleksandrovna, born 1906, native of Rokshikis, Lithuanian SSR. Sentenced on 19 Jun 52 by a judicial board for criminal cases of the Shaulyaj Oblast court under article 58-10 part 1 of the criminal code of the RSFSR to a 10 year prison term. She was freed ahead of time on 11 Jul 55 by a decision of the judicial board for criminal cases of the Supreme Court of the Lithuanian SSR from prison in the Perm Oblast.

-Karishin, Bogdan Ivanovich, Born 1921, native of New York City. Sentenced by the Ternopol'sk Oblast court on 7 Dec 49 under article 54-10 part II of the criminal code of the Ukrainian SSR. Requalified under article 54-10 part I of the criminal code of the Ukrainian SSR. The term was fixed at 10 years. Freed on 29 Jun 55 from prison in the Omsk Oblast.

-Krivenko, Georgij (Yurij) Lukich, born 1921-1922, native of the village of Puzikovo, Globinsk Rajon of the Poltava Oblast. On 15 Jun 45 while serving as a driver-electrician at a battery charging base of the 780th Artillery Regiment, 207th Rifle Division of the Group of Soviet Forces in Germany he escaped [read: deserted] while returning to his unit from the hospital. Announced in an alphabetic list for 1958 in volume 2, page 706 in the All- Union Search by the Soviet KGB. The investigation was under the auspices of the Ukrainian KGB in the Kaliningrad Oblast. The search was called off by a list from the 2nd Chief Directorate of the Soviet KGB on 11 Jul 62.

-Kazanskaya, Sofia Vikoit'evna, born , native of Detroit, USA. Sentenced by a special session on 27 Mar 46. No article specified (collaborator with the German occupiers - 5 year sentence). Freed [TFR 10-10]

on 4 Jun 49 from imprisonment in the Komi ASSR. Archive No. 0487060

-Tseslyak, Mechislav Vatslovich, born 1910, native of the USA. Arrested on 27 Jun 45. Sentenced by a special session of the Soviet MGB on 18 Jan 47 for belonging to a German punitive organization to a five year prison term. Freed on 22 Feb 49 from SEVPECHLAG [Possibly Northern Pechora Corrective Labor Camp] in the Komi ASSR. The archive file is maintained by the Ukrainian KGB, Grodnensk Oblast.

-Fernandez de la Vega, Francisco Manuelovich, born 1915, native of the USA. Arrested on 7 Mar 48 by the investigative department of the 2nd Chief Directorate of the Soviet MGB under article 58-6 part I of the criminal code of the RSFSR. By a decree of a special session of the Soviet MGB on 16 Oct 48 he was sent to forced medical treatment and isolation. On 25 May 50 he was being kept in the Kazanskaya Psychiatric Hospital of the Soviet MVD. Long term investigative activity was terminated in accordance with article 204, paragraph B of the RSFSR Code of Criminal Procedure and he was freed from custody. He was freed from Soviet KGB internal prison on 2 Aug 55. Investigative archive no. R-6518 in the Soviet KGB.

-Semko, Mikhail Ivanovich, born 1921. Sentenced by a decision of the people's commissar of the Ukrainian NKVD and the procurator of the Ukrainian SSR to death by firing squad as an enemy of the people during the period of military action in the Ukraine. Executed on 26 Jun 41. Regarding the native of Omrod - there is no information.

Information on Berko, I.M., Dovgulevich, S.S., Fedak, M.P., Dragula, A.D., Dragula, V.F., Dragula, F.F., Dragula, M.F., Dragula, I.F., Koretskoj (Kolodij), M.V., Rudyk Luehtta (Liehtta), Semko, I.I., Kesselman, L.I., Kesselman, Bernard, Gitska, I.V., Gitska, M.V., Megits, Vasilij (Basil), Megits, S.G., Megits, F.D., Kazun, V.V., Kazuna V.V., Black, G.P., Muller, Edy was not available.